
**TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
of the
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**January 4, 2007
Minutes**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE. AN AUDIOCASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Transportation and Communications Committee held its meeting at the SCAG office in Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Harry Baldwin, Chair, City of San Gabriel. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Adams, Steve	Riverside, WRCOG
Aldinger, Jim	City of Manhattan Beach
Baldwin, Harry- Chair	San Gabriel
Beauman, John	City of Brea
Bone, Lou	City of Tustin
Brown, Art	City of Buena Park
Burke, Yvonne	Los Angeles County
Dale, Lawrence	City of Barstow
Daniels, Gene	City of Paramount
Dixon, Richard	City of Lake Forest
Flickinger, Bonnie	City of Moreno Valley
Gabelich, Rae	City of Long Beach
Garcia, Lee Ann	City of Grand Terrace
Hernandez, Robert	City of Anaheim
Lowe, Robin	Hemet/ RCTC
Lowenthal, Bonnie- Vice Chair	City of Long Beach
Messina, Barbara	City of Alhambra
Millhouse, Keith	City of Moorpark
Parks, Bernard	City of Los Angeles
Pettis, Gregory	City of Cathedral City
Roberts, Ron	City of Temecula
Smith, Greig	City of Los Angeles
Spence, David	Arroyo Verdugo COG
Stone, Jeffrey	Riverside County
Sykes, Tom	City of Walnut
Szerlip, Don	Redondo Beach/ SBCCOG
Uranga, Tonia Reyes	City of Long Beach

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Becerra, Glen	City of Simi Valley
Buckley, Thomas	City of Lake Elsinore
Chlebnik, John	Orange County
Correa, Lou	Orange County
DeLara, Juan	City of Coachella
Dunlap, Judy	City of Inglewood
Glabb, Paul	City of Laguna Niguel
Gurule, Frank	City of Cudahy
Herrera, Carol	City of Diamond Bar
Joffee, Enid	San Gabriel Valley COG
Marshall, Patsy	City of Buena Park
Masiel, Andrew	Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians
Mikels, Judy	Ventura County
O'Connor, Pam	City of Santa Monica
Ovitt, Gary	San Bernardino County
Rutherford, Mark	City of Westlake Village
Wapner, Alan	City of Ontario

Voting Members, Not Elected Official

Casey, Rose	Caltrans
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1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLIGANCE

The Honorable Harry Baldwin, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments

3.0 REVIEW and PRIORITIZE

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

4.1 Approval Item

4.1.1 December 14, 2006 Minutes

A **MOTION** was made to approve the Consent Calendar. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** and **APPROVED**. The Hon. Don Szerlip, SBCCOG, abstained.

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Comments to the Southern California Regional Airport Authority

Rich Macias, SCAG, updated the committee on 10 comments to SCRAA's current JPA authorities and regulations that were submitted by the Regional Aviation Task Force. He also briefed the committee on a draft document addressing SCRAA in which SCAG recommends changing of language.

After discussion the Committee agreed on changes to the language in item1 and 3 of the original 10 comments and the addition of 4 new comments as underlined below:

Amended Language

1. That SCRAA re-define its mission and responsibilities consistent with the regional aviation decentralization strategy in SCAG's adopted 2004 Regional Transportation Plan.

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3. That SCRAA consider expanding its membership to include as full members all communities that provide or plan to provide commercial passenger service, as well as the counties of San Diego, Imperial and Ventura, provided that inclusion of such jurisdictions is consistent with SCRAA's new mission and responsibilities.

Additional Comments

1. That SCRAA revise the Agreement so as to eliminate its single member veto provision.
2. That SCRAA consider the following recommendation from SCAG's Regional Airport Management Study with regard to regional airport governance: "A 'structured' memorandum of understanding (MOU) is the preferred approach to creating an initial Regional Airport Consortium. The Consortium should be based at least initially on the MOU approach, but with more structure than is typical of MOU organizations. It should have bylaws and meet regularly. A 'structured' MOU-based consortium could eventually evolve into a joint powers authority (JPA) after a period of confidence building among the members who may decide that the organization would be enhanced with the greater structure, permanence and continuity of a JPA. However the powers of the JPA should not include eminent domain or operating, siting and developing airports, since these powers are inconsistent with the Regional Airport Consortium concept in SCAG's 2004 RTP. To allay the concerns of constrained urban airports and their communities, a precondition should be all legally enforceable constraints and policies cannot be changed by subsequent amendment."
3. That SCRAA consider the attached comments submitted on January 2, 2007 by the City of Long Beach.
4. That SCRAA institute a formal public review period for all comments submitted to the SCRAA pertaining to its mission, membership, powers and responsibilities, prior to taking any formal action to revise its mission, membership, powers and responsibilities.

A **MOTION** was made to **APPROVE** the comments regarding membership, powers and mission of the Southern California Regional Airport Authority with the amended language to comment 1 and 3 and inclusion of an additional 4 comments. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** and **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**.

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5.2 2007 Regional Champion Nomination

Hon. Harry Baldwin announced that the nomination process is now open for selecting SCAG's 2007 Regional Champions. These awards are to acknowledge individual(s) who perform exemplary service to the Region. Each of SCAG's three policy committees is asked to nominate members of the regional community who are worthy of such recognition. Candidates should be civilians, not elected officials or public servants performing their regular jobs.

Further discussion of nominations and selection of Regional Champions will be scheduled for the next TCC committee meeting. Please submit nominations to your committee staff prior to February 1st or at the start of the meeting that day.

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 New Direction-OCTA's 2006 Long Range Transportation Plan

Kia Mortazavi, OCTA, presented their recently adopted Long Range Transportation Plan. The plan was adopted in July of 2006 and illustrates three goals for the next 30 years; improving mobility, protecting transportation resources, and quality of life. The plan will have a total cost of around \$40 billion over the next 30 years.

It includes but is not limited to the following projects:

- Adds on general purpose lane in each direction on most orange county freeways. 2.
- Widening of the toll road system.
- Adding 1,000 miles of road to complete the arterial grid.
- Improving signal synchronization.
- Acquiring funds for individual cities for maintaining roads. The plan met the 2/3 public voting threshold the first time.

Follow-up will include the improved plan in the next RTP update and the implementation of these projects.

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6.2 Bond Measure Implementation

Annie Nam, SCAG, illustrated the status of the State Bond Implementation effort. Proposition 1B, the State's Transportation Bond Act, passed this past November. The passage provides a substantial infusion of at least one time cash for transportation throughout the State. 19.9 billion dollars with funding allocation through 12 programmatic categories, discretionary as well a formula, predominantly discretionary. Assuming the SCAG Region fares well under the discretionary categories, staff anticipates \$8.3 billion to be granted for this region.

In order to begin accessing some of the bond measure funds, the California Transportation Commission has been working with a number of regional entities along with Caltrans to develop a number of specific guidelines for many of the programmatic categories. Projects are be nominated both by Caltrans as well as the regional entities, CTC and IVAG. Final nomination packages are due to the California Transportation Commission on January 16.

6.3 Update on Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA)

Annie Nam, SCAG, gave an update on the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act. The USDOT and the head of the TIFIA office has requested that a bundle of projects be identified and brought foreword for TIFIA loan consideration. The current necessary action is to reach out to the goods movement stakeholders to start the process of identifying the projects for the TIFIA loan consideration.

6.4 High Speed Regional Transportation System Business Case

David Chow, IBI Group, gave a preview of the High Speed Regional Transportation System focusing specifically on the goods-movement aspect. There is a significant growth of cargo for the region which poses a challenge. The HSRT will serve a dual purpose in the transportation of passengers and freight faster, cleaner, and more reliably than conventional truck and rail modes. The feasibility of the High Speed Regional Transportation System in the movement of goods is currently being studied. A HSRT freight system could also provide the stimulus for a clustering of goods movement related activities including warehousing, assembly, distribution centers, and related services. This clustering provides significant creation of value in real property located in proximity of goods movement centers.

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A more comprehensive feasibility study of alternative freight transport technologies will be conducted by SCAG in the months ahead, as well as a separate study to be conducted by the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.

7.0 MAGLEV TASK FORCE REPORT

No report

8.0 CHAIR REPORT

At the upcoming D.C. National League of Cities Congressional Reception in March, ACTA will be holding a dinner meeting on the evening of Tuesday, March 13, hosting the congressional delegation from both California and the area.

In the end of February the annual consensus trip to D.C. will take place. Regional Transportation Commissions from all the counties in California will go to D.C. to review the needs that California has with regard to transportation and goods movement with our elected representatives.

9.0 STAFF REPORT

No report

10.0 GOODS MOVEMENT TASK FORCE REPORT

No report

11.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No items.

12.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements.

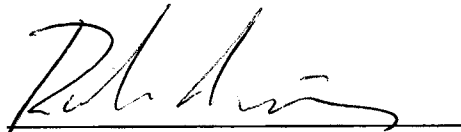
13.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Honorable Harry Baldwin, adjourned the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

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The next committee meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 1, 2007 at the SCAG office in Los Angeles.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rich Macias', is written over a horizontal line.

Rich Macias, Manager
Transportation Planning Division